

of the proposed charges, he will advise the port director of that fact and instruct him to prepare, sign, and serve a notice of charges and the statement of charges. If one or more of the charges in the proposed statement of charges was satisfactorily answered by the broker in the preliminary proceedings, the Assistant Commissioner will instruct the port director to omit those charges from the statement of charges.

**§ 111.62 Contents of notice of charges.**

The notice of charges must inform the broker that:

- (a) Sections 554 and 558, Title 5, United States Code, are applicable to the formal proceedings;
- (b) The broker may be represented by counsel;
- (c) The broker will have the right to cross-examine witnesses;
- (d) Within 10 calendar days after service of this notice, the broker will be notified of the time and place of a hearing on the charges; and
- (e) Prior to the hearing on the charges, the broker may file, in duplicate with the port director, a verified answer to the charges.

**§ 111.63 Service of notice and statement of charges.**

(a) *Individual.* The port director will serve the notice of charges and the statement of charges against an individual broker as follows:

- (1) By delivery to the broker personally;
- (2) By certified mail addressed to the broker, with demand for a return card signed solely by the addressee;
- (3) By any other means which the broker may have authorized in a written communication to the port director; or
- (4) If attempts to serve the broker by the methods prescribed in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section are unsuccessful, the port director may serve the notice and statement by leaving them with the person in charge of the broker's office.

(b) *Partnership, association or corporation.* The port director will serve the notice of charges and the statement of charges against a partnership, association, or corporation broker as follows:

(1) By delivery to any member of the partnership personally or to any officer of the association or corporation personally;

(2) By certified mail addressed to any member of the partnership or to any officer of the association or corporation, with demand for a return card signed solely by the addressee;

(3) By any other means which the broker may have authorized in a written communication to the port director; or

(4) If attempts to serve the broker by the methods prescribed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this section are unsuccessful, the port director may serve the notice and statement by leaving them with the person in charge of the broker's office.

(c) *Certified mail; evidence of service.* When the service under this section is by certified mail, the receipt of the return card duly signed will be satisfactory evidence of service.

**§ 111.64 Service of notice of hearing and other papers.**

(a) *Notice of hearing.* After service of the notice and statement of charges, the port director will serve upon the broker and his attorney if known, by one of the methods set forth in § 111.63 or by ordinary mail, a written notice of the time and place of the hearing. The hearing will be scheduled to take place within 30 calendar days after service of the notice of hearing.

(b) *Other papers.* Other papers relating to the hearing may be served by one of the methods set forth in § 111.63 or by ordinary mail or upon the broker's attorney.

**§ 111.65 Extension of time for hearing.**

If the broker or his attorney requests in writing a delay in the hearing for good cause, the hearing officer designated pursuant to § 111.67(a) may reschedule the hearing and in that case will notify the broker or his attorney in writing of the extension and the new time for the hearing.

**§ 111.66 Failure to appear.**

If the broker or his attorney fails to appear for a scheduled hearing, the hearing officer designated pursuant to § 111.67(a) will proceed with the hearing